#### BIG COAL SUPPLY IN ALASKA COD THOUGHTS OF CHILDREN

Cheap Fuel Can Se Obtained for Navy
If Government Opens Up Field in
Far North Promptly.

Responding to the statement that, the United States will require 15,-0,000 tons of coal a year for naval rposes, which Secretary Daniels "We have the coal; come and get

The fact is that one of the wisest nessures of preparedness which coness made for the war, as is now nonstrated, was the provision for the construction of the railroad to the Matanuska coal fields, says the Scattle Post-Intelligencer. That was a great national project of prepared-ness, the value of which will be fully appreciated if the government fol-lows the work promptly and lends every possible assistance toward get-ting the Matanuska field opened up to the largest possible production.

The coal from that field will meet the highest requirements of the navy. There is an inexhaustible quantity of it. The quicker the road is completed, the mines opened and the coal being moved to deep water the

The government has been paying extravagant prices to have coal transported from the Atlantic to the Pacific for the use of the fleet in Pacific waters, directing to this purpose much tonnage which is needed greatly on every sea. It is an unnecssary expenditure and an unnecessary division of tonnage. The coal is in Alaska; it can be opened when terms are made with people who will INSECTS TENACIOUS OF LIFE lease and open the properties if given a chance to do so; or the government might open mines for naval

As a military measure there are few things which would be of greater value to the country at this time than the opening of the Alaska coal fields to immediate use. The navy needs the coal. The country needs. the coal. Why not go and get it?

#### BULLDOG PROTECTS CHILD

Faithful Animal Brought Little Mistress Safely Through Perils When She Was Lost in Mountains.

This is the story of a baby and a bulldog. Ellen Grimes, aged four years, put a blue ribbon on her brindle bulldog Bob and came down the perilous trail to Boulder, Colo., from her home on the top of Sugarloaf mountain to tell how she and ther pet spent two days and nights wandering over mountains, along precipices and through canons while a posse of 200 men, headed by a pack of bloodhounds searched for them.

"Me and Bob jes' went walkin'," she said. "When I got hungry I picked berries and ate them. When I was sleepy I crawled in a place under a rock and Bob crawled in after

Bob's nose was full of porcupine ing that." quills as evidence of at least one battle fought to save his little mistress. How often the brindle bull kept between Ellen and the edge of a precipice, how often he guided her away from the treacherous holes with which the mountain sides are peppered, how often he saved her life, surrounded by a half-dozen lamb chops Bob alone knows, and Bob won't tell.

#### MIGHT BRING HER BACK.

Brown-Why so worried? Jones-My wife has eloped with the chauffeur and he is such a vacil- as how three dozen cherry-stone clams lating chap.

#### JUST IT.

"Here comes a regular bunch of

"Yes; what you might call the passing show."

#### GAVE WOMAN A CHANCE.

Judge-Madam, have you anything to say?

Prisoner's Husband - Lord, judge! Now you've done it .- Life.

GETTING HOME LATE.

"Where have you been, John Wombat ?"

"Sh-my dear. It is a military

DEPENDS ON CIRCUMSTANCES.

"Do you believe in auto hypno-

That depends on whether you own one of the blamed things."

A SMALL MATTER.

His Wife-Oh, dear! I've lost my

Mr. Bettingly-That's nothing. t a suit of clothes election day.

There is a Mental Region Into Which nups" Have No Right to Enter.

This is a region into which the "grownup" has no right of entry and no key to turn the lock, says London ectator. Only now and then a flash may disclose the luner recesses and ently made, the answer of Alaska throw a sudden light on an entirely surprising line of thought. A child frequently cherishes a theory of its own, which appears quite reasonable, for the enchanted precincts within, where the supernatural obtains as ready an acceptance as the common-place. A little thoughtful boy of my acquaintance was asked the usual estion, what he was going to be. answered with great decision: "Oh! a land agent of course, like dad-And I think "daddy" and the land agency profession scored a com-

Time does not exist for children, who worry over no human limitations. A little girl saying her hymn, "There is a green hill far away," was thrilled to hear that her mother knew the lady who wrote it. Then she repeated her psalm, and added gravely: "And did you know David, too?" The train of thought is rather charming which led a little boy, when told not to mention a guest's amputated foot, to say: "No, and when I get to heaven I won't say anything to John the Baptist about his head." Surely politeness could go no further. Often an entirely different mental image is conjured up in the child's mind from that suggested by the grownup story teller. One mother, recounting at great length the details of the Illness of a little dog to her small girl, several times mentioned "the dog doctor." She was surprised, at the very end, by the question: "What sort of dog was the dog doc-

Are Able to Survive Injuries Which Would Cause Death in Higher Forms of Animal Life.

The unusual success of insects in the struggle for existence has been a subject of much discussion in scientific circles. Just why it is that these little creatures have survived the ravages of birds and other enemies, as well as the ingenious contrivances of man for their destruction, and form today the nost numerous class of animals on the face of the earth, leaves a wide field for argument and conjecture.

Two important reasons for this have een pointed out by naturalists, i. e., their prolificacy and their extraordinary adaptation to environment. Another just as potent reason, which has received less attention, is their amazing tenneity to life, many species being able to survive injuries which would cause almost instantaneous death in the higher forms of animal

#### Starting Up Again.

Mr. and Mrs. Moneybun had fallen out rather badly the night before, and at breakfast next morning there was a decided coolness between them. "I would like you to bring some

more face cream on your way home, Henry," said Mrs. Honeybun. "You women are always spending

money to make yourselves better looking," growled Mr. Honeybun. "True, my dear," replied Mrs. Honey-

bun, sweetly.

"No, because ninety-nine men out of a hundred realize that the quest of beauty is hopeless."

#### Their Appetites Were Poor.

It was the boast of a certain famous gourmand about New York that he Liberty counted a full-sized tenderloin steak merely as the foundation of a fulr meal. Another celebrated bon vivant and host, taking his preprandial cocktails, invited his quest of honor to mention his preference in the way of an appetizer. The guest, a food worshiper and running true to form, allowed might start him off right. And the hideous part of it is none of the party regarded the order as in any way unsual.-Exchange.

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#### No Hurry.

The telephone bell rang with anxious persistence. The doctor answered

the call. "Yes?" he said.

"Oh, doctor," said a worried voice, something seems to have happened to my wife. Her mouth seems set, and she can't say a word."

"Why, she may have lockjaw," said the medical man.
"Do you think so? Well, if you are up this way some time next week I wish you would step in and see what you can do for her."—Harper's Maga-

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Tel. No. 735 well as direct, negative as well as positive, paralyzing as well as amusing. And myriad in number and kind are the ridiculous suggestions made and being made by the enemies and victims of the mail order concerns in the hope of stopping their onward march of progress.

Do merchants always appreciate their advantage? Would a friend of the merchant or dealer have sent his first order to a stranger who showed pictures instead of goods, who talked on paper instead of face to face, who demanded pay in advance instead of allowing a more unlimited credit had the merchant improved his advan-

Ought to Emulate Rivals.

It would seem that after one experience of long delays, quite common and to a great extent unavoidable in trading with mail order houses, after one experience of putting things together for himself, after one experience of waiting for a missing part, the friend would not have taken the trouble to order by mail from a stranger had the local merchant or dealer always improved his opportunities.

Everything that happens to us leaves tributes imperceptibly to form us. Yet often it is dangerous to take a strict account of that, for either we grow proud and negligent or downcast and dispirited, and both are equally injurious in their consequences. Always the safe plan is to do the task which lies mearest us and which will augur for our best interests and those of

others. If success can be attained by the retail mail order houses, working under diendwintages, why cannot toe tocas

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merchant, who has none or these quadvantages, succeed? He can by imitating their methods and practices, by allowing undisturbed inspection of goods and by polite and courteous treatment of all visitors to his store, thus creating new customers and continuing to supply old ones.

In a certain Indiana town a young man ordered a heating stove, price When the stove came he was very much disappointed. The stove was small, while the picture in the catalogue made it appear large and ornamental. Had this young man visited his local dealer and inspected the \$8.95 stove he would not have bought It. but would have selected one for \$12 or \$14 and would have got the right kind and one that would have satisfied his needs.

A Minnesotu farmer ordered five rolls of barbed wire. After it came and he had paid the freight he discovered that he could have bought the same identical wire from his local dealer and could have saved \$1, also

Mail Order Fence In Woodshed. Another man living in a village ordered some wire fencing from a picture in a catalogue, and when it came it was so cheap looking that his pride would not allow him to disfigure his grounds with such a fence, so he stor ed it in his woodshed and bought what he wanted from his local dealer.

A lady in a little town in Missouri sent to one of the large mail order houses for a pair of shoes, inclosing \$1.97 with her order. After two weeks the shoes came by freight; charges were 25 cents, which she paid. After taking the shoes home she found they did not fit, so she repacked them and sent them back by express, and after another two weeks' wait another pair of shoes came by freight with more charges attached. To the lady's dismay, these shoes were no nearer a fit than the first pair. She then gave up in despair and visited her local dealer, crediting her investment of \$2.56 to

We should like to suggest to the consumer that he be honest with himself; buy at home; help support his own town; make his own home more valuable. Let Mr. Mail Order Man sell his good things in his own town. Instead of his fooling you, you fool him by trading at home.

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Freezing Does Not Kill Them.

Treaty of Ghent,

The trenty of Gheat was one be-Britain which ended the war of 1812. It was concluded December 24, 1814, and ratified early in 1815. It provided for the restoration of captured territory, property and records; for the release of prisoners of war, for the establishment of a boundary line be-tween the United States and Canada, and other metters.

Division to Two-Mile Trench. A division, which is the largest body known in the organization of the American army, will fully man two miles of trenches. The regulation distance in the manning of a treuch is a yard to a man. There are three lines, however, needed to fully man such defenses—the firing line, which is down in the trench, a yard behind each whatever character. If he had said man; the support, which is back a that it has no fitness when applied to short distance, and the reserve.

A book reviewer in the London Times makes the rather remarkable assertion that the word "interesting" is not one that should ordinarily, be \_ applied to a work of fiction. It is remarkable because, for some occult reamuch current fiction he would have aroused no surprise.-- Exchange.